## State of South Caroling Sovernor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, tuberculosis (TB) is the second largest infectious disease killer in the world, with approximately 8 million cases and 3 million deaths annually; and

WHEREAS, while TB cases in South Carolina are at an all time low thanks to the diligence and persistence of public health, the Palmetto State remains among the top ten states in the number of new cases each year; and

WHEREAS, presently, there is no effective vaccine to prevent TB, and the treatment methods available are labor intensive; and

WHEREAS, World TB Day provides an opportunity to support individuals, families, and communities affected by this disease and to renew our commitment to preventing the spread of TB.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2004, as

## SOUTH CAROLINA TB DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote the development and delivery of more effective and efficient treatments for TB and to remember those who have lost their lives to this deadly disease.

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